

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by
LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gas tank shade system for
minimizing the heating effects of the sun on a tank of gas
supported on a supporting vessel such as a boat comprising, in
combination:

a supporting vessel such as a boat with a horizontal
platform at the rear end of the boat and a vertical rear wall
there adjacent, the horizontal platform having a first width;

a container such as a gas tank positioned on the horizontal
platform adjacent to the vertical rear wall;

a first strip of a hook and loop fastener secured to the
vertical rear wall in a horizontal orientation at an elevation
above the container and parallel with the horizontal platform;

a shading member fabricated of a flexible material, the
shading member being imperforate in a rectangular configuration
with an upper horizontal edge and a parallel lower horizontal
edge and ~~[[with]]~~ terminating in parallel side edges between the
horizontal edges, the shading member having an interior surface
and an interior surface with a second strip of a hook and loop
fastener adapted to separably coact with the first hook and loop

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fastener, the first and second hook and loop fasteners being of a common length equal to the length of the horizontal edge of the shading member, the lower edge of the shading member having a loop-shaped hem the side edges of the shading member having a length greater than the hypotenuse of a right triangle formed by the horizontal platform and the vertical rear wall, the horizontal edges having a second width less than the first width whereby a portion of the horizontal platform may be used as a diving platform while an adjacent portion of the horizontal platform may be used to support a container with the shading member there over; and

a weight in a cylindrical configuration fabricated of a heavy material coupled within the hem of the shading member by closure hems to hold the shading member in place to shade the container there beneath whereby the shading member has an intermediate portion in contact with the container and a lower portion in contact with the horizontal portion for accommodating containers of various sizes.

2 - 4. (Canceled)